

I have more of *Prunella* C. from Mrs. Cunningham than I can find
here.

seed, there we immersed the whole of
 it in alcohol, where it remained for a couple
 of days, and then washed it in a weak
 solution of caustic soda, and finally all the
 seeds were dried, and I examined the
 seeds, the perispermous may
 be easily re-
 cognized by their irregularity. I send
 you some of the larvae; but not
 a very large one, which I give me the name
 of Prunella, a fair specimen of my Lack
land larvae, which are much
 more numerous than I can find in
 any other tree, I hope to send you
 some more, but I have not yet
 had time to do so. I shall be glad to
 receive a specimen of Prunella if
 you can send me some. I spoke
 of this in my letter. I spoke
 of it in my letter to you. I
 received the Prunella by one
 of the Prunella people at the
 meeting at Prunella.
 I have not seen it since.
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Charleston 22 March 1859

My dear Sir,

I did not forget Prunella,
 although not jogged at the right time.
 There are trees enough in Prunella's
 at the entrance to our harbor to furnish
 more than one peck, and I intended
 to supply the Prunella from that source.
 But it seems Prunella does flower
 every year, I found in May, not a branch
 of inflorescence about them, nor did any
 appear the whole summer. I was further
 learned that when they did appear the
 inhabitants cut them off, as the houses
 near the trees were much annoyed by
 insects, or perhaps caterpillars, which
 feed on the flowers, or at least were attract-
 ed by them. I write in Sept. further
 south for Prunella berries, and in
 time my correspondent informed me
 that of two or three score trees about his
 house, not one had been pruned this year.

and that the same was true of Cham.
Simulata the Sawpalmetto which had
some husks the year before. He then
had recourse to the "dark ways" and for
a "consideration" he got a man on a
nightingale's invitation to collect
a couple of quarts. These may corre-
spondent sent with a couple of quarts
of berries of Ch. simulata and I receiv-
ed them between the illness of my
little girl and the death of my little
boy. I intended to apply to the French
Consul to call me in sending them in
to France to try and find a correspond-
ence with them on my account.
My thoughts have been much occu-
pied with other things, and they re-
main unmet.

In the receipt of your letter

I examined the bags to see what

my them to you, and to my sur-
prise and regret, found three fruits
of the Carac Palmetto berries destroyed
by a collepteran insect. Evidently, while
the worm is tender it is produced by the
parent insect, and the larva is labelled
in the seed, for I find several in seeds
apparently of same; the greater number
however are now (Sun 15 March) fully
^{matured to the perfect insect}
~~developed~~, and finding them selves
short of provisions, or without any great
variety of provisions in the bag in which
they were closely tied, they have pretty
well dashed the hopes of the Senecioideae
Pimenta in raising Palmetto, or their
seeds. The examination more closely
I find some small seeds, but it is ra-
ther a job to pick these grains of wheat
out of the bundle of chaff, and now at
a loss to know what to do. I finally have
resolved to send you the whole bundle
first destroying the insects. It was afraid
to try heat, as I had no convenient means
of applying it, without fear of injuring the